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Eloquent Message From England

From "Somewhere in England", Pte. Sammy Koffman addressed an eloquent letter, excerpts of which the Bulletin prints in the conviction that he speaks for men on active service everywhere:

B'Nai Brith Lodge 885,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sirs:

Thank you for the cigarettes I today received. They bring fond memories of the many friends and acquaintances within your organization. They bring solace and comfort and encouragement to one embroiled in this grim business of war. They bring, so potently, a reminder of our faith, our religion, when in this blacked-out, shell-torn world over here, it is so easy to forget.

Tonight they bring a picture of my dear mother, her shawl-covered head bowed over the traditional candles, uttering through tight lips the prayer heralding another Shabbos. But the prayer in her heart, as in the hearts of all the mothers on this earth tonight, is for us, her sons, scattered about the British Empire in the service of their country. The prayer that we shall remain strong and dauntless, that we shall not falter nor fail and that we shall soon return, unsullied in body, mind or spirit.

And this gift brings a reminder that we too must pray. That we must ask for the strength, the forbearance, the courage, the mother needs today. For it is they, gentlemen, whom war damages most. We, in the habiliment of the King's uniform, stung with vanity and infested with grandeur, glorying in the halo of the warrior, suffer lightly the horrors of war. The torment, the agony, the distress beleaguer most those mothers at home. To them we bequeath the greater portion of your syllabus for the uplift of morale.

We, in the Army, have little occasion for defense against Anti-Semitism. In our huts, our tents, our trenches, the nests of Democracy's fight to preserve civilization, we are eggs of one colour, one faith, one purpose....

Meanwhile, continue, please, the shipment of cigarettes and comfort boxes to the overseas servicemen. These gifts carry great messages. But lend an ear and an eye also to those mothers we left behind. Make it a little easier for these women who wait and pray.

Sincerely,

Pte. SAMMY KOFFMAN,
Can. Army Overseas.

THREE WEEKS—NO WEDDINGS!

The summer period of sorrow known as the Three Weeks, during which weddings are not solemnized, occurs this year from July 8th until July 31st.

Thank The Vaad Ha'Ir

You enjoyed Passover butter and Passover milk during the recent holiday, because the Vaad Ha'Ir went to great expense in order to provide you with them. War shortages in the field of labour and dairy supplies threatened to leave our Community without these important elements in the Passover diet, and only through the efforts of the Vaad Ha'Ir, headed by the Rabbi, was this problem mastered.

Some seventy families in this city, many of them families of men on active service, received their Passover matzos through the Vaad Ha'Ir office, when the local grocers were unable to supply them. It should be of general interest to the community to know that the price of the matzos sold was no higher than the regular market price, and still the Vaad Ha'Ir made a slight profit that will be used for the welfare of general Jewish causes in the city.

Schreiber Wins Cup

The Hanoar Study and Breakfast Club wound up a banner year of activities, under the direction of Mr. Hy Bessin, with a Father and Son Session on Sunday, April 23rd. The Robert Edelstein Oratorical Cup was won by Marvin Schreiber.

This year the Club was greatly strengthened by the office of an Assistant Director, ably handled by Mr. Yale Greenberg, and by a strong Vaad Ha'Ir Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. L. S. Greenberg.

SHABEOS AND YOMTOV CANDLES

May 26	8.16 P.M.
27 (Shavuoth)	8.57 P.M.
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June 2	8.23 P.M.
9	8.28 P.M.
16	8.32 P.M.

OVERSEAS HONOUR ROLL

The following Ottawa men have arrived on active service overseas since the last issue of the Bulletin:

Pte. Bookman, I.
AC. 1 Cardash, M.
Lieut. Heaps, L.
AC. 1 Monson, J.
Cpl. Rashkis, M.
Pte. Schecter, Syd.
LAC. Slipacoff, R.
FO. Snipper, Don.
Tel. Sugarman, L.

If you know of any others please get in touch with the overseas mailing chairman, Mr. D. Mirsky, at 3-0676

Talmud Torah Branch In West End

After a meeting of open discussion between a committee of the Ottawa Talmud Torah Board and the parents of children in the West End of the city, it was agreed to open a branch of the Talmud Torah in that section on Sept. 1st. The Rabbi was then asked by the Talmud Torah Board to try to find another teacher who would be qualified to conduct the classes there. In view of the increasing number of families in the West End, it is expected that this branch will grow rapidly.

COUNCIL JEWISH WOMEN HERE.

A Section of the National Council of Jewish Women was recently organized in Ottawa, with a 5-point program of adult education, contemporary Jewish affairs, social welfare, service to foreign born, social legislation.

Monthly parties at the Service Center are proving very successful. Council members conduct the Center registration and letter writing to next-of-kin. The knitting quota of of Red Cross sweaters is nearly completed, and a ditty bag is filled each month for a service man. Council also hopes to give a library to the Wrens' barracks at Navan, Ont.

The Section had the pleasure of hearing Senator Cairine Wilson at its first general meeting on April 26th. A program of lectures on international and local topics includes for the near future addresses by Magistrate A. H. Lieff and Miss Dalamore of the WPTB Consumer's Branch.

Groups to be formed are a study group affiliated with the Women's Committee on International Affairs, dramatics and public speaking, social legislation, refugee aid, music appreciation.

Every woman interested should contact the president, Mrs. Norman Loeb.

Excerpt from N.Y. West Side Institutional Review.

"It is gratifying to note that many of our friends have taken to heart Rabbi Goldstein's suggestion about not carrying pocketbooks to the Synagogue on the Sabbath."

F.O. TOPPLIN PRISONER OF WAR

F.O. Mack Topplin, who was reported missing after a flying operation over enemy territory, is now listed as a prisoner of war.

S. Zelikovitz Heads Campaign

At a meeting of the Ottawa Zionist Society held in the Talmud Torah on April 27th, Mr. S. Zelikovitz was unanimously elected to the chairmanship of the 1944 U. P. A. campaign. His predecessor, Mr. Alex Betcherman, was immediately thereafter elected as an Honorary Vice-Chairman of the campaign. The following officers were then elected to serve on the Executive Committee with Mr. Zelikovitz for the forthcoming drive:

EXECUTIVE

Hon. Chairman, Mr. A. J. Freiman.

Hon. Vice Chairman, Rabbi O. Z. Fasman, Mr. Alex. Betcherman, Mr. J. Freedman, Mrs. A. H. Coplan, Mrs. B. M. Alexandor.

Chairman, Mr. S. Zelikovitz.

Vice-Chairmen, Mr. M. Betcherman, Mr. J. H. Vineberg, Mr. L. S. Greenberg.

Treasurer, Mr. L. Petegorsky.

Secretary, Miss Helen Abelson.

Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. C. Horwitz.

Men's Captain of Captains, Mr. I. Stone, Chairman.

Assistants, Mr. S. Lepofsky, Mr. Jess Abelson, Mr. M. Levin, Mr. C. Liberman, Mr. D. Zelikovitz.

Ladies' Captain of Captains Chairman, Mrs. S. Lepofsky.

Assisted by Mrs. G. Caplan, Mrs. S. J. Ritt.

Chairman of Special Names, Mr. S. J. Ritt, Mr. M. Zagerman.

Chairman of Ticket Committee, Mr. Moe Koffman, 4-0123.

Chairmen of Arrangements, Mr. M. B. Abrams, Mr. A. Lithwick.

Chairman of Publicity, Mr. Lawrence Freiman.

Chairman of Civil Service, Miss Freda Carlofsky.

FO. ABRAMSON MISSING

FO Mark Abramson, brother of Mrs. Wm. Holzman, is reported missing after mine-laying operations. His many Ottawa friends pray he will soon be found well.

Sunday School Graduation

The Ottawa Hebrew Sunday School will hold its Graduation and Closing Exercises at the Talmud Torah Hall on Wednesday evening, May 31st at 8 P.M.

The graduates are:

Bertha Sheila Lepofsky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lepofsky of 10 Woodlawn Ave. and

Rhoda Cooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cooper of 18 McGee St.

A reception in charge of Mrs. M. Zagerman, Chairman of the Mother's Group, will be held following the Exercises.

Following is the list of 1944 prize-winners:

Highest Proficiency—The Jennie Glickman Memorial Prize—Constance Lepofsky.

Grade V—Miss Goldie Bookhalter, Teacher.

Bertha Sheila Lepofsky—1st Tarantour Prize.

Rhoda Cooper—B'nai Brith Prize.

Grade IV—Mr. Max Starer, Teacher.

Helen Altow—Anna Rill Prize.

Esther Cohen—2nd Tarantour Prize.

Ruth Zagerman—B'nai Brith Prize.

Grade III—Miss Bessie Cardash, Teacher.

Tilyo Callay—3rd Tarantour Prize.

Joan Caplan—B'nai Brith Prize.

Marilyn Molot—B'nai Brith Prize.

Grade II—Miss Ethel Petegorsky, Teacher.

Esther Davis—B'nai Brith Prize.

Roslyn Pleet—B'nai Brith Prize.

Elaine Sloan—B'nai Brith Prize.

Grade 1: Miss Esther Cohen, Teacher.

Earl Slonemsky—Sarah Sadinsky Prize.

Kenneth Mirsky—B'nai Brith Prize.

Evelyn Feldman—B'nai Brith Prize.

Kindergarten: Miss Edith Gruber, Teacher.

Cyril Greenberg—Anne Freedman Prize.

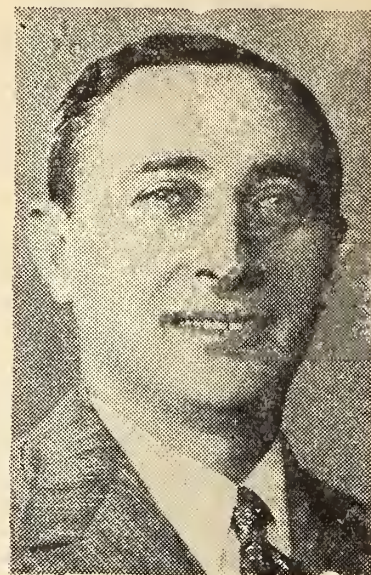
Lawrence Friedman—B'nai Brith Prize.

Your presence on this occasion will be heartily welcomed. Your personal interest in the Sunday School will help to strengthen our Jewish educational efforts.

CRADLE ROLL STARTED

The Ottawa Hebrew Sunday School is inaugurating a Cradle Roll to keep a record of new children in the Community that might be enrolled at a future date in its classes. You may register your newborn babe, as well as children one or two years old, with Mrs. I. Zivian. There is no fee for such a registration.

New U.P.A. Chairman



S. ZELIKOVITZ

Friends of the Ottawa Jewish Community:

Most of you know that I am a new man in the U. P. A. chairmanship and only the promise of our veteran campaigner, Mr. Alex Betcherman, that he would assist in every possible way convinced me to accept this great honor.

There was, however, another consideration. Ottawa Jewry does not require an education in the importance of U.P.A. You all know its vital place in the rehabilitation of our stricken people, and you will support it whole-heartedly, no matter how humble the person who heads the campaign.

My appeal to you is for the maximum support to be given in a minimum period of time. The workers for U.P.A. are people who have carried a heavy load in all the main Jewish causes during the past year, and they deserve the kind of co-operation that will make their activity both easy and pleasant. Let us remember, those who come to the Holy Land labor valiantly to bring others in after them, and they must be upheld by our contributions from this side.

May I ask your assistance in giving generously, swiftly, and enthusiastically, so that we may reach our objective in the best Ottawa tradition and thereby hasten the day of Israel's redemption?

S. Zelikovitz, Chairman,

1944 U. P. A. Campaign Chairman.

FOR U.P.A. DINNER RESERVATIONS PHONE MOE KOFFMAN: 4-0123

